

Transylvania County Schools

2010 County Sesquicentennial Celebration

Examples generated by our school system steering committee for how schools can participate in the 2011 celebration:

Elementary:

- Waterfalls brochure
- Historical landmark brochure
- Appalachian storytelling/folktales (David Holt)
- Visit from Camp Greenville (show how to do lumberjacking, blacksmithing, candle making etc)
- Tour of Town (Register of Deeds, Episcopal Church-Grave Rubbings)
- Earthshine Trip
- Things To Do in Transylvania County from a 6-10 year old perspective Brochure
- Visit Allison Deaver House
- Cradle of Forestry Visit
- Time Capsule
- Bluegrass Study
- School Cookbook Recipes
- Appalachian Games Book
- Past, Present, Future Pictures of Schools and Town. A book could be created from blurb.com and sold.
- Study of the original families.
- Trace economy—how has it changed?
- Speakers on how government works.
- Celebrating community workers...speakers...discuss how jobs have changed.
- Interview a family or community member who is a native and generate a book of interviews.
- Morning announcements...incorporate a county component
- Using the Number 150:
 - First person to reach 150 AR points gets to have lunch with the mayor
 - Service project 150 cans of dog food
 - Service project---sponsor walking 150 laps on track (collectively per grade)
 - First student to reach 150 baggie books gets lunch with the mayor
 - Math concepts—what are 150 ways to make the number 150?
 - Language Arts Concepts—what are 150 adjectives?
 - Language Arts Concepts—what are 150 important words to know for writing?
- Physical education classes incorporate physical games and activities children might have played 150 years ago.
- Use or demonstrate materials (black board slates, primer books, etc.) students might have used in school 150 year ago.
- School wide dress up or pioneer day.

- Educational programs during PTO events.
- Local history focus during career day
- May Day Festival at TC Henderson

Middle:

- Facts or demonstrations during the daily school wide TV announcements.
- Walking historical tours of the community.
- Grave marker rubbings and research, family histories, etc.
- Days at our state and national forests and parks.
- Art classes focus on historical features, structures, etc. in the community.
- Local history emphasis in the regular WWII Day and Civil War Day programs.
- RMS World Day: the world in 1861
- Renaissance Day, heritage night, etc.
- Field Day with focus on traditional games and competitions.
- Develop pioneer day activities with Earth Shine.
- Invite story tellers to present to students.
- Develop activities related to the French Broad River and its role in local history.

High:

- English class activities: writing short stories, family histories and traditions, local folklore, etc.; study of local and regional authors.
- Something similar to NPR's "Story Corps" where students collect and record stories. These could be compiled in writing, audio recordings, video, or multimedia.
- Activities designed to allow students to think about the future and the direction this county should be going. (Ex. - Youth Speak with Center for Dialogue).
- Documenting contemporary issues for preservation.
- Volunteers in the schools to train students in genealogy research.
- Topics incorporated into Senior Projects.
- Art and photography projects.
- Collecting oral histories in leadership and character education classes.
- A theme emphasized in the school year book.
- Agriculture Education projects – selling native plants, heirlooms, etc.
- Foods programs emphasizing canning and food preservation techniques.
- Literary journal (RHS) articles and art.
- Incorporating the 2010 Census in math classes.
- Student poetry based on county landmarks and historical events.
- Updating/recording each school's history (good Senior Projects topics!)
- Collecting school artifacts from community members for a permanent collection.
- HOSA – history of medicine and medical careers; advances in medicine in the last 150 years.

District Level:

- Need to coordinate school arts programs with TC Arts so as to emphasize local history as much as possible during 2011.

- Time capsule
- County Cookbook Recipes
- Interview a family or community member who is a native and generate a book of interviews.
- Developing a community speaker bureau where local historians or authors are available to visit schools and make presentations to classes.
- Could cafeterias prepare a meal that students might have eaten 150 year ago?
- Local history emphasis in the annual county art show at TC Arts.
- County wide (not school based) pioneer day with demonstrations.
- Guided tours of waterfalls.
- Perhaps we could have more Traveling Trunks – educational kits developed by the Historical Society, Brevard College, and the library. Topics could include tools, homesteading, science in history, Native Americans, Civil Rights, etc.
- Developing a county wide scavenger hunt.
- Senior Projects with a county focus could have a special presentation night at the county library for members of the public to attend.

Other considerations:

- It would be great if resources were available for schools to share and check out with pictures and information about the history of the county (see Traveling Trunk suggestion).
- It would also be helpful to have a list of the people in the community who are willing to come to the schools to do presentations on topics relating to our community i.e. quilting, candle making, wildlife etc (see speakers bureau suggestion).
- Perhaps the county library could emphasize local history in the material available on the book mobile.
- Teachers asked that consideration be given to the demands of their current courses of study when developing new ideas. Scott emphasized that we want to help our students join in this celebration while at the same time not creating a huge work load of new programs for teachers to develop.

Ideas timelines (where possible)

School	Activity	Time frame
RHS	Senior projects	Mid-Dec and Mid-May
	Canning and preserving	August, December, April, May
	Native Plant Sale	September
DRS	Time capsule	October 2011
	Folktales pod casts	September 2011
	19 th century games day	May 2011